

State of Connecticut
Department of Housing

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery- Tranche 1

**Owners of Infrastructure and Public Facilities damaged by Superstorm Sandy in Fairfield,
New Haven, New London and Middlesex Counties**

Deadline for Submission of Applications: April 28, 2014

This Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is directed to applicants seeking assistance for the repair or replacement of existing infrastructure and public facilities. Additionally, planning funds are available to cover costs associated with improving the resiliency of infrastructure and public facilities.

Goals of this NOFA:

The goal of this NOFA is to provide funding for necessary expenses related to the rehabilitation and replacement of infrastructure and public facilities to restore a suitable living environment in disaster impacted areas. DOH intends to make repairs in a manner that supports energy conservation/efficiency and responsible growth as well as transit oriented development.

Eligible Applicants:

Applicants eligible include the State, local governments and regional planning agencies.

Funding Amount:

The amount of funding to be made available under this NOFA is broken down as follows; infrastructure \$4,000,000; public facilities \$2,200,000 and planning \$2,029,000. The minimum amount of funding that can be applied for is \$100,000, there is no maximum amount.

Funding Source:

The source of funding for this NOFA was authorized under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, which was signed into law by President Barack Obama on January 29, 2013. The allocation of the CDBG-DR funding to the State is intended primarily to enable it to address immediate unmet housing and economic revitalization needs in those counties and jurisdictions that were most severely impacted by Superstorm Sandy. The state is obligated to ensure that the processes, procedures, and fiscal and administrative controls it will use in the course of expending the funding are sufficient to safeguard the funding from waste, fraud and abuse.

Application Submission Requirements:

Applicants must utilize the CDBG-DR Application for Infrastructure, Public Facilities and Planning. The application is available on DOH's website (www.ct.gov/doh/site/default.asp).

The Description of Project section of the application, i.e., Section 1.8 must clearly describe all relevant aspects of the proposed Program, including, without limitation, all information necessary to evaluate to which the program satisfies the Selection Criteria described below.

An applicant may submit its application for funding under this NOFA either electronically or by submitting 2 hard copies in binders. Each applicant must choose only one method for submission and therefore may not submit one or more portions electronically and other portions in hard copy.

Schedule and Process:

Applications for funding under this NOFA will be accepted at the offices of DOH, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-7106 until **April 28, 2014**. Applications should be sent to the attention of **Gerardine Rice**. Prior to the submission deadline above, applicants may contact **Elizabeth Swenson** at **860-270-8054** or via email at elizabeth.swenson@ct.gov with any procedural or substance questions regarding this NOFA.

Funding Priorities:

All applications submitted under this NOFA will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria.

Whether the Program achieves one or more of the Goals (threshold);

1. Projects that benefit LMI persons and/or are located in LMI areas (i.e. an area with household income at or below 80% of the area median income;
2. Projects that enable the State to satisfy the federal requirement that at least 80% of the funding is spent in Fairfield and New Haven Counties;
3. Projects that address conditions that threaten the health and safety of either the occupants or the public;
4. Projects that contribute significantly to the long term recovery and economic revitalization of the affected;
5. Projects undertaken on behalf of a beneficiary or sponsor that commits to contribute financially in the repair, construction or mitigation of the project (this can be through private insurance, NFIP, FEMA, SBA, and or other sources;
6. Projects that can be undertaken immediately to provide outcomes to intended beneficiaries affected by the disaster. All projects must include a timeline that allow DOH to meet the federal expenditure deadline of September 30, 2017;
7. Projects which are reflective of the goals, priorities and requirements of the State of Connecticut's Disaster Recovery Action Plan.

Reservations:

All applications submitted in response to this NOFA are the sole property of the State and subject to the provisions of Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, CGS 1-200 et seq., which provides that public records and documents are subject to public access and copying unless specific exemptions to disclosure exist. If an applicant believes that portions of its application are exempt from disclosure, the applicant should mark the specific portions as confidential. Acceptance of an application by DOH which contains such reservations is not an agreement that the material is confidential or exempt from disclosure. DOH reserves the right to amend or cancel this NOFA, to modify or waive any requirement, condition or other term set forth in this NOFA or the Application, to request additional information at any time from one or more

applicants, to select any number of applications submitted in response to this NOFA, or to reject any or all such applications, in each case at DOH's discretion. DOH may exercise the foregoing rights at any time without notice and without liability to any applicant or any other party.

Applications to this NOFA shall be prepared at the sole expense of the applicant and shall not obligate DOH to procure any of the services described therein or herein from any applicant. Each applicant selected under this NOFA, if any, will administer the selected Program as a third party administrator acting on behalf of DOH subject to the terms and conditions of a written agreement to be entered into by and between the applicant and DOH. DOH shall not be obligated to any applicant until a final written agreement has been executed by all necessary parties thereto and all applicable approvals have been obtained.